

Government should never make a majority of responsible citizens suffer in trying to change the misdeeds of an irresponsible few.

The FCC has an opportunity to uphold a fundamental principal of our constitutional system in this issue.

The proposal will make both responsible and irresponsible broadcasters and their audiences suffer. It may or maynot punish the offending broadcaster. It certainly will punish all broadcasters...particularly those least able to absorbe the costs.

Small market broadcasters have the least number of complaints about content from their audiences. Yet, the small market broadcasters will bear the biggest burden because the cost of recording will be a new and very expensive high percentage of their modest operating budgets.

Small market broadcaster still comprise the largest number of licenses administered by the FCC. Small market broadcasters depend upon revenues and operating efficiencies to support local public service programming. If they spend money on needless superfluous activities, there will be less left for important local services.

The FCC will not nurture local broadcast diversity, local news voices, community involvement, employment in the communication industry and public service broadcasting by adding painful and costly busy work for unoffending licensees.

Broadcaster with a history of audience complaints could be required to keep these recordings and records. Why place this burden upon all broadcasters regardless of their past records of responsible performance?